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BRITISH AMB HAS APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS TO BASC, AT LEAST FOR TIME BEING. IN ABSENCE DISSENT FROM LONDON THEIR APPROVAL ASSUMED ALSO. BRITISH AMBASSADOR BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT IF SOVIETS WITHDRAW FROM BASC, CIVIL AIRLINES, IN VIEW THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR PASSENGER SAFETY, MIGHT PREFER DISCONTINUE FLIGHTS UNTIL OR UNLESS TRIPARTITE DECISION TAKEN GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL THAT THEY SHOULD FLY OR UNTIL SITUATION CLARIFIED. HE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT THINK THEY SHOULD BE ASKED TO FLY IF THEY CONSIDER THERE EVEN SLIGHT RISK THEIR AIRCRAFT BEING DIVERTED BY GDR FIGHTERS AND FORCED LAND AT GDR AIRFIELDS.

FRENCH AMB HAS ALSO APPROVED INSTRUCTIONS SUBJECT PARIS COMMENT HE SHARES BRITISH VIEW RE CIVIL AIRLINES.

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